



Illinois Conservation Police Bi-Weekly Report



Vision Statement: As vigilant guardians we will protect the citizens and natural resources of Illinois.

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(Weeks of September 29 to October 13, 2016)

*This report represents some events the OLE handled over the last couple of weeks;
however, it does not include all actions taken by the Office of Law Enforcement.*

REGION 1 – Captain Laura Petreikis

District 1 – Sgt. T. Petreikis

(Counties: Carroll, Henry, JoDaviess, Lee, Mercer, Ogle, Rock Island, Stephenson & Whiteside)

CARROLL COUNTY

CPO Jones issued a Savanna woman a citation for improper lane usage. The woman was speeding at Mississippi Palisades State Park and left the roadway when her dog jumped into her arms while she was driving.

CPO Jones cited a Sabula woman for speeding 71 mph in a 55 mph zone.

During the opening weekend for archery, CPO Jones checked several archery hunters. Written warnings were issued to hunters who had failed to sign their deer and turkey permits.

HENRY COUNTY

CPO Posateri was notified by Animal Control of a dead bald eagle along the side of the road, but once the ACO arrived the eagle was found to be injured but alive. CPO Posateri met with the ACO to take possession of the eagle. It was discovered to be a banded eagle and it was transported to a federally licensed veterinarian. After an evaluation was completed, the eagle had to be euthanized due to the extent of the injuries. The band was reported to the USFWS and the eagle was the 3rd oldest reported eagle in the entire United States. He was 35 years old with the record being 38 years old. After he was euthanized the eagle will be forwarded to the National Eagle Repository for Native Americans to use during religious and cultural ceremonies.

JO DAVIESS

CPO Hoogerwerf patrolled Rall Woods State Natural Area. An archery deer hunter was issued a citation for hunting in a restricted area during the youth firearm deer season. Hunting on the site is restricted to those with site specific firearm deer permits during all of the firearm deer seasons (youth, firearm, muzzleloader and CWD).

CPO Hoogerwerf patrolled Winston Tunnel State Natural Area. A hiker was issued a citation for entering a closed area during the youth firearm deer season. The site is closed to all but those with site specific firearm deer permits during all of the firearm deer seasons (youth, firearm, muzzleloader and CWD).

LEE COUNTY

CPO Teas attended the annual Stewardship Days at Lowell Park in Dixon with the Region 1 education trailer. CPO Teas gave presentations to over 300 area students during the two day event.

The missing man in Dixon was reported to CPO Steven Beltran and CPO Teas who responded with side scan sonar along the Rock River. Officers along with Dixon Fire performed an exhaustive search and could not find the man. Continued efforts to determine his location are ensuing.

MERCER COUNTY

Nothing reported.

OGLE COUNTY

CPO Teas investigated a complaint of a deer brought to a local deer processor which contained a bullet and bullet holes in Ogle County. It was determined the subject who brought the deer to the processor had killed the deer in Ogle County but lived in Will County. CPO Reid was contacted and assisted by contacting and interviewing the hunter. It was determined the subject was bow hunting with his son-in-law and had shot the deer poorly with his bow and wounded it. The hunter and his son-in-law later located the wounded deer and the son-in-law used his pistol to shoot the deer and kill it. The son-in-law has a concealed carry permit and was in possession of his pistol while they were archery hunting. The son-in-law was informed it is unlawful to be in possession of a firearm while archery hunting. The son-in-law was issued a citation and a warning for the incident.

Opening weekend CPO Steven Beltran requested assistance from outside Conservation Police Officers to conduct a 100 percent compliance check at Lowden Miller State Forest. During the check, in 7 parking lots, 60 hunters were inspected and 23 violations were documented.

CPO Steven Beltran was conducting a joint investigation with Wisconsin and Florida Officers regarding a Rockford man who was unlawfully harvesting ginseng. The man transferred the uncertified ginseng to Wisconsin to sell and was apprehended by Wisconsin officers. A total of 4.2 pounds of ginseng were seized and arrests are pending in several states.

CPO Jones issued an Antioch man a citation for not having his deer permits in possession while hunting.

CPO Palumbo issued multiple written warnings for department lands archery deer hunting violations during a District 1 detail.

ROCK ISLAND COUNTY

IDNR Region 1, District 1, CPO Francisko checked multiple boaters, fishermen and deer hunters during the last reporting period. A citation was issued at Lock and Dam #14 for a fishing violation and multiple miscellaneous warnings were issued for boating and other violations.

STEPHENSON COUNTY

Several hours of research and investigation resulted in the discovery of baited areas in Stephenson County where CPO Steven Beltran has made efforts to catch deer hunters in the stand. Continual efforts are being made to arrest the poachers responsible for these violations.

WHITESIDE COUNTY

CPO Palumbo issued multiple citations for sportfishing with no fishing licenses on the Rock River during a weekend patrol.

District 6 – Sgt. Phil Wire

(Counties: Boone, Bureau, DeKalb, LaSalle, Putnam & Winnebago)

BOONE COUNTY

CPO Alt is investigating a baited tree stand complaint.

BUREAU COUNTY

CPO Finn responded to a hunter interference complaint. Landowner complained his neighbor was purposely shooting guns to prevent hunters from being able to archery deer hunt. Investigation pending.

DEKALB COUNTY

CPO Murry assisted DeKalb City Police, DeKalb County Sheriff's Department, Sycamore Police Department and Illinois State Police during a manhunt for a homicide suspect that fled from a vehicle, matching the description of a suspect vehicle, a few minutes after a shooting in the city of DeKalb. Two of the four suspects were taken into custody and two remain at-large.

LASALLE COUNTY

CPO Kaufman attended the Illinois Transportation Infrastructure Security Conference in Peoria.

While on his way home from instructing at firearms training, CPO Fraser observed a vehicle swerving all over the roadway on Interstate 39. CPO Fraser was in plain clothes and called for uniformed backup to assist. The driver became more of a public safety hazard as other vehicles approached so CPO Fraser made a stop on the vehicle before backup could arrive. ISP Troopers arrived on scene and handled the stop which resulted in the driver's second DUI arrest in three days.

CPO Finn and CPO Stanbary patrolled Starved Rock and Matthiessen State Park over the holiday weekend and issued over 30 citations for park related offenses to include off the trail and possession of alcohol. Five individuals were cited with possession of cannabis and paraphernalia.

CPO Murry stopped a vehicle at approximately 10:30 pm, after observing it stop in the roadway twice. CPO Murry made contact with the driver and observed it was an elderly female who appeared confused. The stop was made north of Ottawa, and the driver thought she was near Cicero, which is about 20 minutes from downtown Chicago. While attempting to make contact with family, the driver thought the stop was over and proceeded to drive away. A short while down the road she pulled over a second time and the keys were removed from the vehicle. After making contact with family, it was found out she was in fact lost, and had left her house about 9:00am. She was evaluated on scene by ambulance staff and transported to the hospital where she was later picked up by family.

CPO Murry along with CPO Finn responded to the Vermillion River near Jonesville in regards to a canoe that was stuck in the rocks. The canoe had become lodged between two large boulders, turned sideways, and began filling with water. The two occupants were able to safely get to shore. Due to the weight of the water in the canoe and the flowing water, a tow truck was needed to winch the canoe out.

CPO Filipiak was on numerous foot patrols at Starved Rock, Buffalo Rock and Matthiessen State Parks :
4 individuals were issued a citation for possession of alcohol on the trails at the state parks
2 individuals were issued a citation for remaining on the trails after they have closed
15 individuals were issued citations for entry, climbing, in restricted areas
7 individuals received a civil penalty for possession of drug paraphernalia and less than 10 gr of cannabis

CPO Filipiak was on numerous sport fishing checks which lead to:
2 individuals were issued citations for fishing with no valid fishing license
2 Individuals were fishing without permission on private land

CPO Jansen investigated a boat accident at Lake Holiday. A man was attempting to fish while operating his boat and ran into a private dock causing it to sink. The operator attempted to flee the scene with part of the dock attached to his boat. He was confronted by a fisherman and pushed the section that was attached to his boat in to the water and then fled to his house. The subject was issued 3 citations and a written warning.

PUTNAM COUNTY

CPO Finn and CPO Stanbary did compliance checks of Youth Waterfowl hunters during Youth weekend in Putnam County. No enforcement was taken just checks and opportunities to speak with youth hunters.

WINNEBAGO COUNTY

Officer Schoonhoven assisted CPO Fraser with the arrest of a subject wanted on a warrant and from charges which occurred within the state park.

CPOs Fraser and Murry assisted other State and local agencies after a shooting outside Cherryvale Mall. The CPOs worked with State and local law enforcement and EMS to secure and clear the mall following reports that the shooter entered the mall.

CPO Fraser arrested a Rockford man for DUI after observing him swerving and driving down the road with his passenger hanging out an open door. The driver refused to submit to chemical testing and will have his driving privileges revoked for 12 months.

CPO Alt received a burglary to motor vehicle complaint at Rock Cut State Park in Winnebago County. The investigation revealed a female suspect had used a stolen credit/debit card from that burglary to commit forgery and retail theft at two retail establishments in the area. Utilizing the assistance of local law enforcement agencies, Corrections and Adult Probation, identification was obtained and CPO Alt is actively pursuing the location of this suspect. Investigation is ongoing.

CPO Alt obtained 1 felony and 2 misdemeanor arrest warrants for a suspect after completing an investigation in September for theft of labor or service and obstructing justice resulting from a complaint received by the vendor at the Rock Cut State Park Concession and Boat Rental. CPO Alt caught up to the suspect after he went into hiding for several weeks. CPO Alt served the suspect the warrants then transported him to the Winnebago County Jail in lieu of bond.

District 7, Sgt. Scott Avery

(Counties: Fulton, Henderson, Knox, Marshall, McDonough, Peoria, Stark, Tazewell, Warren & Woodford)

FULTON COUNTY

Nothing reported.

HENDERSON COUNTY

Nothing reported.

KNOX COUNTY

CPO Reid taught a Hunter Safety Class in Victoria.

MARSHALL COUNTY

Nothing reported.

MCDONOUGH COUNTY

Nothing reported.

PEORIA COUNTY

CPO Lazzell is conducting an ongoing investigation in several Central Illinois Counties involving multiple violations of the Illinois Timber Buyers Licensing Act.

STARK COUNTY

Nothing reported.

TAZEWELL COUNTY

CPO VanZant responded to a complaint of two subjects fishing without permission. One subject was cited for not having any life jackets in his Jon boat. Multiple written warnings were issued for various boat safety violations.

WARREN COUNTY

Nothing reported.

WOODFORD COUNTY

Nothing reported.

REGION 2 – Captain Brett Scroggins**District 2 – Sgt. Rich Riedel**

(Counties: Kane, Lake & McHenry)

KANE

In March of 2015 CPO Semenik was called to investigate a possible hunting without permission case in Kane County. Since then a thorough investigation has been completed. The investigation revealed an Indiana man and a Chicago man killed two doe whitetail deer on the complainant's property and a large 9 point buck was also killed close to the property. The two men also cut down a considerable amount of trees for shooting lanes on the property they did not have permission to hunt. On October 3rd CPO Semenik traveled to interview the two men. The men filmed the hunt of the two doe and the videos were recovered as evidence. Citations were issued for unlawfully hunting on land without permission of owner, destruction of personal property of another while hunting, unlawful take of doe whitetail deer, and failure to report harvest 9 point buck 10 pm on same calendar day.

CPO Siedsma received a phone call on Saturday, Oct. 1st, from a subject brushing his blind on the Fox River north of Carpentersville stating that he observed two subjects in camo floating down the river in kayaks shooting ducks and geese. Upon arrival the complainant showed me the location of the subjects and both subjects were stopped and in possession of two Canada Geese, three Mallards, and two Cormorants. When asked when waterfowl season opens, they both responded "today, Oct.1". Subjects were issued the appropriate citations.

LAKE COUNTY

CPO Semenik located a vehicle parked in the Chain O' Lakes State Park and the registered owner returned to be a child

sex offender. In addition, he had an arrest warrant out of the state of Washington for a violent sex crime, an unserved Order of Protection, and a suspended driver's license. CPO Semenik later tracked him down while he was driving to a different picnic area. The man was arrested for being a child sex offender present in a public park, driving while license suspended, and operation of an uninsured motor vehicle. The vehicle was towed and the offender was served the Order of Protection and vacated from the park property.

CPO Semenik conducted a workboat patrol on the Fox River and Chain O' Lakes. Seven written warnings were issued for various boat registration/safety and sport fishing violations. Three boat registration and safety violations were cited and one sport fishing violation was cited for failure to immediately release short largemouth bass. In addition while checking a boat with a pair of musky fishermen on Channel Lake CPO Semenik arrested one of the men for possession of not more than 10 grams of cannabis and possession of drug paraphernalia.

CPO VanWiltburg found a subject with two undersized largemouth bass (8 and 9 inches) in Lake County. He also was over the daily creel limit of 1 and did not have a fishing license. He was issued two citations and two written warnings.

CPO VanWiltburg found a subject in possession of a 6 inch largemouth bass where there is a 15 inch minimum size limit. One citation was issued.

CPO Wagner while working opening day of bow season cited an individual for hunting over bait and a written warning for unlawful feeding of whitetail deer.

CPO Wagner while conducting sport fish enforcement near Spring Lake cited an individual for failure to immediately release short bass. Another individual was given a written warning for fishing license not in possession.

CPO Kelley, along with CPO VanWiltburg, checked a group of anglers in Lincolnshire. CPO Kelley found one of fishermen to be in possession of an undersized Largemouth Bass. CPO VanWiltburg witnessed the subject dump a bucket into the pond as CPO Kelley approached. It was found that the subject had dumped live bait fish into the water. The subject was cited for failing to release the undersized fish, as well as releasing aquatic life without permission of the IDNR.

McHENRY COUNTY

CPO Semenik arrested an Elmwood man unlawfully fishing without consent of landowner at an abandoned property lake in McHenry County. There has been a standing complaint at this location for several years and there is strictly no trespassing. During further investigation CPO Semenik reviewed McHenry County's court records and found the man was arrested for the same offense in 2012 at this location. The man was also charged with criminal trespass to land and his fishing pole was seized as evidence.

CPO Winters and Sgt. Riedel assisted the City of McHenry Police Department at a residence that contained in excess of 25 snakes. None of the snakes were in violation of state law, but were confiscated under city ordinance by McHenry City.

CPO Winters, Sgt. Riedel, and CPOT Cox assisted McHenry County Animal Control at a residence that had a 4 foot alligator and numerous snakes. The subject had the proper paperwork to possess the alligator and the snakes were all legal to possess.

CPO Kelley issued citations to two individuals fishing without licenses at Moraine Hills State Park.

District 3 – Sgt. Mark Simon
(Counties: Grundy, Kankakee, Kendall & Will)

GRUNDY COUNTY

Nothing reported.

KANKAKEE COUNTY

Nothing reported.

KENDALL COUNTY

Nothing reported.

WILL COUNTY

CPO Reid responded to a complaint at the DesPlaines Conservation Area of two men in a restricted area "shooting at anything" with a shotgun. When he arrived, CPO Reid located two men who stated they were "dove hunting" and had a dead robin in a backpack. CPO Reid immediately recognized the two men, having arrested them several weeks earlier for shooting a turkey out of season from the window of their vehicle. Each man received a citation for hunting without permission and unlawful take of a protected species. The shotgun was seized as evidence.

CPO Reid cited a deer hunter at DesPlaines Conservation Area for hunting over bait.

CPO Reid cited a deer hunter for hunting on private property without permission.

CPO Reid cited a deer hunter for hunting without permission, destruction of private property while hunting, and invalid archery permits. The man had recently been cited by CPOs for hunting without permission earlier in the year. A compound bow was seized as evidence.

CPO Reid responded to an ISPERN Alert for a missing suicidal subject. CPO Reid has previously had multiple contacts with the individual and knows some of the areas the man frequents. A search was conducted; however the subject was not located.

District 4 – Sgt. Bill Shannon
(Counties: Cook & DuPage)

COOK COUNTY

CPO Macias was conducting early snagging enforcement inside Chicago harbors and ponds. There were few early people snagging but CPO Macias did find a PWC coming into Montrose Harbor 1½ hours after sunset. CPO Macias called to the PWC and shined his flashlight at the PWC; the PWC driver saw CPO Macias and decided to make a run into a slip in order to disappear. CPO Macias noticed a small inflatable raft manned by a subject fishing. CPO Macias asked if the boater could give him a ride to where the PWC was last seen. The raft owner obliged the request. CPO Macias followed the wake left by the speeding PWC. CPO Macias witnessed the PWC owner getting out of the PWC and trying to hide his PWC among others that were tied off in the same area. The PWC rider also had a water "fly board" he was trying to detach from the PWC. CPO Macias confronted the PWC rider and spoke with him sternly about running from game wardens when summoned. A citation was issued to the PWC rider.

CPO Macias was detailed to an early snagging patrol on Lake Michigan harbors and inner city lagoons. There were a large amount of fishing subjects checked and five written warnings were issued, but no snagging was discovered. Early snagging details will continue until the opening day of snagging season.

CPO Macias was at Jackson Park Harbor enforcement of early snagging. It was approximately 11:30 pm when he noticed two individuals at the base of a bridge attempting to cast out wide with their fishing rods. CPO Macias could not see what they were doing so he used his FLIR thermal imager. CPO Macias witnessed the individuals casting out far into the harbor and dragging their line through the water. When approached, the duo tried to conceal the snag treble hook by hiding it under their arms. CPO Macias told them they were about a week premature on the snagging season and citations were issued.

CPO Macias and CPOT Poffenberger were at Diversey Harbor looking for early snagging subjects and ran across a recreation boat coming into the ramp with no navigation lights or all around white either. A boat stop was initiated and a boat safety inspection discovered no battery cover, no cut off lanyard, no functioning lights, no visual distress signal onboard, and the owner had not changed over title/registration since buying it from new owner within the allotted timeframe. CPO Macias spoke with the new owner about Illinois boating laws/regulations and issued a citation and several written warnings.

While patrolling the Chicago River, CPO Klemme observed a Sea Ray with an expired Ohio registration sticker and several children that were not wearing PFD's. A boat stop was made and a safety inspection was conducted. The operator stated that he was just testing out the boat for the owner who was also onboard. It was quickly discovered that the boat was over capacity. It had 13 passengers on board with a capacity of 9. Further inspection showed that the vessel was missing 3 child size life jackets in addition to two adult size jackets. The vessel also had no working navigation lights. The operator was issued several citations. The owner of the boat was also issued a citation for no valid registration and pending the results of an investigation an additional charge of failure to transfer a title may be added.

CPO Whitchurch and CPOT Poffenberger were on patrol at Lake Michigan checking fishermen during nighttime hours. When one fisherman saw the CPOs, he packed up and ran to his vehicle. CPO Whitchurch caught up to the man at his vehicle and requested a fishing license. The subject stated he had one, but in fact did not. Enforcement action was taken.

CPO Whitchurch was on patrol in the southeast side of Chicago when he observed the driver of the vehicle driving in front of him toss litter out of the driver's side window. The litter blew directly into the waterway next to the road. CPO Whitchurch conducted a traffic stop on the subject who admitted to littering out of the vehicle and into the waterway. Enforcement action was taken against the driver for unlawful pollution of a waterway and unlawfully littering from a motor vehicle.

CPO Whitchurch and CPOT Poffenberger were on patrol at a Cook County Lake when they observed two subjects fishing. When the two subjects saw the CPOs, they immediately stopped fishing and walked to their vehicle. CPO Whitchurch stopped the two subjects and requested fishing licenses from the subjects. Neither one of them had a valid fishing license. Citations were issued.

CPO Whitchurch observed a boat underway at a Cook County Lake which did not have visible registration. A check of the boat and the operator confirmed the boat was not properly registered. A citation was issued.

CPO Whitchurch and CPOT Poffenberger were on patrol at Lake Michigan when they observed a subject fishing. The same subject was observed drinking out of a large plastic jug. When the subject was done with the jug, he tossed the jug into the water. Contact with the subject was made and it was learned he did not have a valid sport fishing license. A citation and a written warning were issued. The plastic jug was retrieved by CPO Whitchurch and discarded properly.

CPO Whitchurch was enforcing sport fishing regulations at Lake Michigan when he observed two subjects fishing. When one of the subjects saw CPO Whitchurch, he immediately handed his fishing pole to the subject fishing beside him. A check on the subject informed he did not have a valid sport fishing license. The subject was cited.

CPO Whitchurch, CPOT Poffenberger, and Sgt. Shannon were patrolling Lake Michigan when they observed a personal watercraft being operated without any visible registration. A stop of the watercraft was made and safety inspection was completed. The operator was the owner of the personal watercraft and did not have valid registration or a sounding device. A citation and a written warning were issued.

CPO Whitchurch and CPOT Poffenberger were on patrol at Lake Michigan when they observed a subject actively fly fishing for salmon. When the subject was asked for his fishing license and salmon stamp, he informed the CPOs he had never purchased a license because he did not feel he needed a license to fish in Lake Michigan. The subject was issued a citation and a written warning.

CPO Whitchurch and CPOT Poffenberger observed a large group of fishermen at Lake Michigan. When the CPOs made their presence known, one fisherman walked away and tried to blend in with a large group of people. The subject was identified and asked for a fishing license. He did not have a valid fishing license and was cited.

CPO Whitchurch and Sgt. Shannon were on patrol on the Chicago River when they observed a watercraft which appeared to be overloaded coming off of Lake Michigan. A safety inspection of the watercraft was conducted at which time it was learned the watercraft had too many people on board based on the watercraft's placard. It was also learned there were no visual distress signals onboard. A citation and a written warning were issued.

CPO Whitchurch and CPOT Poffenberger were on patrol at a Lake Michigan Harbor during the hours of darkness when they observed a subject unlawfully snagging during the closed snagging season. Contact with the subject was made. The subject did not have a valid sport fishing license and also did not have a valid Lake Michigan salmon stamp. Multiple citations were issued.

CPO Whitchurch was enforcing sport fishing regulations at Lake Michigan in a Chicago Harbor. While checking numerous fishermen on one side of the harbor, CPO Whitchurch observed two subjects pack up their fishing gear and salmon they possessed once they saw CPO Whitchurch and began to walk to the parking area from the other side of the harbor. CPO Whitchurch cut the subjects off before the parking area and requested fishing licenses and salmon stamps from the subjects. The subjects produced valid fishing licenses, but neither subject had a valid salmon stamp. CPO Whitchurch explained the laws to the two fishermen and they each received a citation for catching and possessing salmon without a salmon stamp.

CPO Whitchurch, CPOT Poffenberger, and Sgt. Shannon were patrolling on Lake Michigan when they observed a personal watercraft being operated by a youthful operator. The same personal watercraft was observed being operated by an adult male. The personal watercraft had expired registration affixed to it. A stop of the watercraft was conducted and the adult was informed on youthful operator laws. It was confirmed the registration was expired. A citation and a written warning were issued.

CPO Whitchurch was on patrol at Lake Michigan when he observed four personal watercrafts violate a posted no wake area inside a harbor. All four personal watercraft were also observed creating wakes in close proximity to a public launch ramp. Additionally, three of the four personal watercrafts had registration violations and the same three personal watercrafts also failed to have sounding devices onboard. Multiple enforcement actions were taken for the high volume of violations.

CPO Whitchurch was on patrol at a Chicago Harbor when he observed a subject attempting to snag salmon during the closed snagging season. When CPO Whitchurch approached the subject, he told CPO Whitchurch he knew he was violating the law. He also told CPO Whitchurch he did not have a fishing license or a salmon stamp. The subject was cited.

CPO Whitchurch was on patrol at a Lake Michigan Chicago Harbor when he observed a subject unlawfully snagging salmon in a harbor which is not open to snagging. The subject was observed casting a snag hook into the water in close

proximity to a moored boat. The subject saw CPO Whitchurch and left his pole on the concrete wall and tried to walk away. CPO Whitchurch checked the subject who did not possess a valid fishing license or a salmon stamp. The subject was cited.

CPO Whitchurch observed a subject fishing at Lake Michigan. When CPO Whitchurch was checking other persons in the same area, the aforementioned subject tried hiding his pole in the bushes along the harbor wall. CPO Whitchurch retrieved the hidden fishing pole and the subject apologized to CPO Whitchurch for panicking and doing what he did because he did not have a fishing license. The subject was issued a citation for unlawful fishing without a valid sport fishing subject.

CPO Whitchurch was on patrol at Lake Michigan when he observed a subject unlawfully snagging during closed season. When CPO walked up to the subject, the subject was very cordial to CPO Whitchurch. He continued to attempt to snag fish while explaining to CPO Whitchurch he had not had a lot of luck on that day. The subject also brought up the fact nobody else was snagging in the area which the subject thought was odd. CPO Whitchurch explained to the subject snagging season did not open until October 1st. The subject immediately ceased snagging and took responsibility for not knowing the fishing laws, but was happy to learn that was why nobody else in the area was snagging. The subject was issued a citation for the violation.

CPO Whitchurch was on patrol when he was flagged down by a Lake Michigan Harbor Security Guard because assistance was needed with dealing with an intoxicated subject who was on a docked boat where that person should not have been. The intoxicated person was located and was acting disorderly. CPO Whitchurch assisted Chicago Police with getting the person and the person's belongings off the boat and the subsequent arrest.

CPO Whitchurch, Sgt. Shannon, and CPOT Poffenberger were on a Lake Michigan patrol when they observed a personal watercraft violate a posted no wake area. Once the personal watercraft was stopped and a safety check was completed, it was learned there was no fire extinguisher onboard. The personal watercraft was rented from a local business. The Officers visited the watercraft rental business and cited the business agent for unlawfully renting the watercraft without the required safety equipment.

CPO Whitchurch was on patrol at Lake Michigan when he observed two subjects drinking beer while fishing. CPO Whitchurch observed both subjects toss their beer cans into the water. Contact was made with both subjects and citations were issued for unlawful pollution of a waterway.

CPO Whitchurch was on patrol at Lake Michigan when he observed two subjects unlawfully snagging salmon during closed season. Both subjects admitted to knowing they were breaking the law. One of the subjects was cited by CPO Whitchurch the previous year around the same time for unlawfully snagging. Both subjects were issued citations for the snagging violations.

CPO Whitchurch was on patrol at a Lake Michigan harbor when he observed a subject unlawfully snagging salmon while standing on a bridge. When a subject next to the unlawful fisherman saw CPO Whitchurch, he notified the subject. The unlawful fisherman immediately leaned his fishing pole up against the bridge wall and ran across the street. CPO Whitchurch located the subject at the water's edge and cited the subject for unlawfully snagging.

CPO Whitchurch observed three subjects fishing at the Lincoln Park Lagoon. One of the subjects who did not have valid sport fishing license ceased fishing as soon as he saw CPO Whitchurch. The subject was cited.

CPO Whitchurch observed four subjects unlawfully snagging salmon at Lake Michigan. CPO Whitchurch observed one of the subjects snag a salmon and the other three subjects stopped snagging in order to help land the fish. While the four subjects were preoccupied landing the fish, CPO Whitchurch was able to get right next to them. All four subjects were cited for unlawfully snagging salmon.

CPO Whitchurch observed a boat on Lake Michigan with three persons onboard who were all actively salmon fishing. The boat did not have proper lighting activated during nighttime hours. A check of the boat and anglers revealed the light was not functional, there were no visual distress signals onboard, and the boat was not properly registered. Also, one of the persons fishing onboard did not have a valid salmon stamp and was observed catching salmon. Enforcement action was taken.

CPO Whitchurch observed two subjects fishing during nighttime hours and catching salmon at a Lake Michigan Harbor. When the two subjects were checked for fishing licenses and salmon stamps, both subjects informed CPO Whitchurch they did not have them, but knew they needed them. They both told CPO Whitchurch they did not think they would get checked that late at night. Multiple citations were issued.

CPO Whitchurch observed two subjects unlawfully snagging salmon during the hours of darkness in the pouring rain at Lake Michigan. CPO Whitchurch made contact with the subjects who were out of state residents. When the subjects saw CPO Whitchurch, they attempted to cut their lines and release the snag hooks into the water. CPO Whitchurch was able to give them verbal commands not to cut their lines. Both subjects complied. Neither subject had valid sport fishing licenses or Lake Michigan salmon stamps. Multiple citations were issued.

CPO Whitchurch observed a subject unlawfully snagging salmon. Contact with the subject was made. The same subject was cited a year prior by CPO Whitchurch for the same violation. The subject was an out of state resident who works in the transport industry. The subject told CPO Whitchurch he was not going to be in the area when snagging season opened so he thought he would attempt to get salmon early. The subject did not have a valid fishing license or salmon stamp. Citations were issued.

CPO Whitchurch conducted snagging details on consecutive days at many locations at Lake Michigan in Chicago. During the late night and early morning details, a total of 13 citations and 24 written warnings were issued for violations of the Fish Code, Boating Code and Administrative Rules.

CPO Whitchurch observed two subjects holding snagging gear walking along a harbor wall at Lake Michigan. A third subject was with the subjects apparently looking out for Law Enforcement officials in the area. CPO Whitchurch was able to get close enough to the subjects, after they began to snag salmon unlawfully, that the lookout did not notify the violators CPO Whitchurch was there. They were also observed unlawfully snagging within mere feet of Chicago Park Districts boats which were in the water. Citations were issued.

CPO Whitchurch observed a subject unlawfully snagging salmon at a Lake Michigan Harbor that was closed to snagging. The violator saw CPO Whitchurch and attempted to exit through a gate at the opposite end of the concrete wall. CPO Whitchurch caught up to the subject and issued him a citation for the unlawful snagging violation.

CPO Whitchurch was on patrol in the predawn hours at a Lake Michigan harbor when he observed three subjects shining high powered lighting into the water. When salmon were viewed in the water, two of the subjects attempted to unlawfully snag the salmon inside of a harbor which is closed to all salmon snagging. CPO Whitchurch contacted the violators and issued multiple citations.

CPO Whitchurch was on patrol during nighttime hours when he observed 4 subjects fishing from a boat on Lake Michigan. The boat had no lights activated while it was underway. CPO Whitchurch made contact with the subjects. A boat safety inspection was completed. There were not enough wearable personal flotation devices on board for every person. All subjects were in compliance regarding sport fishing licenses and salmon stamps. A citation was issued for the personal flotation device shortage and a written warning was issued for the lighting violation.

CPO Whitchurch was on patrol at midnight when he observed two subjects unlawfully snagging salmon in a harbor closed to snagging. The subjects were observed snagging salmon in close proximity to moored watercraft. CPO Whitchurch checked the subjects for fishing licenses. Both subjects failed to have valid fishing licenses and salmon

stamps. CPO Whitchurch explained all laws pertaining to snagging salmon to the subjects. Multiple citations and written warnings were issued to the subjects.

CPO Whitchurch was on patrol at approximately 3:30 am at a Chicago Harbor when he saw a subject unlawfully snagging in a harbor where snagging is not allowed. The subject was alerted to CPO Whitchurch's presence when the subject's accomplice sounded a horn. The subject immediately ran up the other side of the harbor wall and left the area. CPO Whitchurch then exited the area for a short time and upon his return he observed the same subject, along with three others, back on the harbor wall unlawfully snagging salmon. They were also unlawfully snagging with 200 feet of moored watercraft. CPO Whitchurch coordinated with Chicago Police Officers who assisted blocking off escape routes. CPO Whitchurch with the assistance of the Chicago Police Officers was able to make contact with all three subjects who were unlawfully snagging salmon. Two of the three subjects did not possess valid sport fishing licenses or salmon stamps. Multiple citations were issued.

CPO Mooi was traveling north on Lake Shore Drive in Chicago when he observed 2 people on stand up paddle boards in the "playpen" area of Lake Michigan. It was after sunset and CPO Mooi could barely make out the two subjects paddling out of the playpen and into the open waters of the lake. CPO Mooi maneuvered his truck onto the lake front path and onto the beach as the paddle boarders were coming close to the shoreline. The two people were contacted and found to have no Water Usage Stamps, no lights and no life jackets. A citation and multiple written warnings were issued.

CPO Mooi was heading into DuSable Harbor when he passed a vehicle which was giving off a strong odor of burnt cannabis. The occupants were contacted and a citation was issued for possession of less than 10 grams.

CPO Mooi was traveling east bound on I-290 near Maywood when a vehicle drove past at a high rate of speed on the right shoulder. CPO Mooi initiated a traffic stop on the vehicle. While the vehicle was still rolling, CPO Mooi observed the driver leap into the backseat and the front seat passenger leap into the driver's seat. The original driver of the vehicle was revoked and was issued a citation for driving while revoked and a citation for unlawfully driving on the shoulder.

CPO Mooi was traveling eastbound on I-290 near Mannheim Road when he observed a silver Jaguar traveling on the shoulder. A traffic stop was made and a citation was issued for driving on the shoulder and a written warning was issued for expired registration.

CPO Mooi assisted in instructing a course on Multiple Assault Counter-Terrorist Action Capabilities (MACTAC) for the Illinois Tactical Officers Association. CPO Mooi provided the unique perspective of working in the woods and on the water. This course helped officers from multiple jurisdictions and tactical teams learn how to work with and utilize other officers and the CPOs across the state if needed. CPO Mooi provided these officers with additional officer safety and tactical considerations to use while protecting their respective communities.

DUPAGE COUNTY

CPO Mooi was traveling south on I-355 when he observed a vehicle traveling on the shoulder of the interstate. A traffic stop was made and a written warning was issued for driving on the shoulder.

CPO Mooi investigated a deer feeding case in West Chicago; the homeowner admits to having a compulsion to feed animals. Enforcement action is pending.

CPO Mooi investigated a nuisance animal trapping complaint in Glendale Heights. The trap was placed by a commercial company and no violations were observed.

CPO Mooi, along with CPO Vaughan and CPO Farber assisted the DuPage County Forest Preserve Police in preparing for archery deer enforcement and waterfowl enforcement. The additional training will assist the DCFPD in responding and handling incidents on and adjacent to Forest Preserve property.

LAKE COUNTY

CPO Farber conducted recreational boat patrol on Labor Day weekend with the United States Coast Guard.

CPO Farber conducted weekend patrol at Illinois Beach State Park.

CPOs Farber and Vaughn assisted the Lake County Sheriff's Department with a search for a wanted subject. Several acres of timber were walked with tracking K9's. The wanted subject was located shortly after dark.

CPO Farber conducted recreational boat patrol at the North Point Marina boat launch. He observed two men board a small watercraft that did not have proper registration displayed. One man sat at the helm of the vessel and began to operate the watercraft. The vessel was not equipped with proper navigation lights. The passenger held a red/green bow light in his right hand and cell phone with the flashlight turned on in his left hand. CPO Farber stopped the vessel to address the violations and conduct a safety inspection in accordance with the Illinois Boat Registration and Safety Act. While speaking with the operator of the vessel, a strong smell of alcoholic beverage was detected. He showed several other signs of impairment. The operator of the vessel almost fell into Lake Michigan several times while attempting to secure the safety equipment. After sobriety testing, the subject vomited several times on the sidewalk outside of the North Point Marina Security Office. The operator of the vessel was arrested for operation of a watercraft under the influence of alcohol, failure to display valid registration decal, and operation without proper navigation lights.

CPO Vaughan and CPO Farber assisted the Lake County Sheriff's Office with a search for a subject wanted on numerous felony warrants. The subject had fled from his car and headed into a nearby wooded area near the town of Wadsworth. CPOs assisted Lake County Sheriff's Deputy D. Arrowood and his dog with a track of the wooded area. The subject was located and taken into custody by the Sheriff's office.

CPO Vaughan issued a citation for operation of watercraft in a restricted area at the North Point Marina Beach.

CPO Vaughan issued several citations and warnings to the operator of a boat on Lake Michigan as he was approaching the North Point Marina boat launch. The violations included: violation of no wake zone, youth under the age of 13 not wearing a proper PFD, expired fire extinguisher (expired in 1989), expired visual distress signals (expired 1997), and overloading a watercraft.

CPO Mooi assisted CPO Vaughan with snagging enforcement at Waukegan Harbor prior to the start of snagging season. No snaggers were observed and a written warning was issued to a boat operator for a wake violation.

REGION 3 – Captain Jim Mayes

District 11 – Sgt. Brian McReynolds

(Counties: Clark, Coles, Cumberland, Douglas, Edgar, Moultrie & Shelby)

CLARK COUNTY

CPO Wellum arrested a Clark County man driving 84 mph in a 55 mph zone in Clark County.

CPO Wellum arrested Clark County man for driving 75 mph in 55 mph zone, driving out of classification and no insurance at entrance to Lincoln Trail State Park in Clark County.

COLES COUNTY

Nothing reported.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY

CPO Greuel is investigating a report of trespass to harvest Ginseng in Cumberland County.

DOUGLAS COUNTY

Nothing reported.

EDGAR COUNTY

CPO Greuel investigated a trespass to harvest Ginseng complaint in Edgar County. One of the subjects was located on other property and found to possess digging tools and Wild Ginseng root. He was cited for no valid Ginseng harvest license. Subject was also charged for possession of cannabis and drug paraphernalia. Sometime later the second subject exited the timber later on foot carrying a box turtle in a pack. Second subject was cited for no valid fishing license. Both subjects' license privileges were revoked for failure to pay child support.

CPO Wellum attended a Hunter Safety Course in Paris, Edgar County.

MOULTRIE COUNTY

Sgt. McReynolds cited a Fithian man driving 84 mph in a 55 mph zone on the Lake Shelbyville Bridge in Moultrie County.

CPO Greuel attended a Hunter Safety Course in Moultrie County.

CPO Moody spoke to a group of youth hunters at the annual Corps of Engineers youth deer hunt on Lake Shelbyville.

SHELBY COUNTY

CPO Moody cited a Sullivan man for archery deer hunting with no hunting license in Shelby County.

District 19 – Sgt. John Williamson

(Counties: Champaign, DeWitt, Ford, Iroquois, Livingston, Macon, McLean, Piatt & Vermilion)

CHAMPAIGN COUNTY

Nothing reported.

DEWITT COUNTY

CPO Viverito worked two baited deer stands during the first weekend of the archery deer season. CPO Viverito arrested a DeWitt man for hunting over bait in Clinton Lake State Park.

CPO Viverito handled a complaint on two Clinton men that had various deer hunting violations. One Clinton man dumped a deer that only had the backstraps taken out of the harvested deer on Clinton Lake State Park property. The other Clinton man dumped a deer that he had harvested the day before but failed to check in. Citations were issued to each hunter.

FORD COUNTY

Nothing reported.

IROQUOIS COUNTY

CPO Reeves and CPOT Ausmus conducted boat safety inspections on the Iroquois River in Watseka. Several written warnings and two citations were issued to boats inspected.

Sgt. Williamson received a complaint from the Iroquois County Conservation Area site staff about baited and illegally placed tree stands. CPOT Ausmus and Sgt. Williamson discovered two Chicago deer hunters hunting with the aid of bait. Both were issued citations for the violations.

LIVINGSTON COUNTY

Nothing reported.

MACON COUNTY

Nothing reported.

McLEAN COUNTY

CPO Graden worked a boat patrol detail with the McLean County Sheriff's Department on Evergreen Lake. Two citations were issued to boat operators for operation of a watercraft with insufficient wearable life vests. Written warnings were issued for no fishing license, operation of watercraft without a fire extinguisher, operation of a watercraft without a sounding device, failure to cover and secure watercraft battery, and operation of watercraft with child under age not 13 wearing a life vest.

While on patrol in McLean County, CPO Graden issued a speeding citation to an El Paso man for driving 80 mph in a posted 55 mph zone. The driver was issued written warnings for no current proof of insurance and expired registration.

PIATT COUNTY

CPO Reeves and CPOT Ausmus made a traffic stop on a male subject in Piatt County for speeding. It was then discovered the Decatur man had a suspended driver's license and a warrant out of Macon County. The subject was arrested and lodged at the Piatt County jail for the warrant and suspended license.

VERMILION COUNTY

CPOT Sanford and CPO Cottrell located a Georgetown resident trespassing on private property to fish the Little Vermilion River. The subject was also found to be fishing without a valid sportfishing license. The subject was issued a citation for the license violation and a WW for fishing without permission of landowner.

CPO Cottrell and CPOT Sanford located a Catlin resident preparing to scout an area for the up and coming season. The Catlin man was in possession of an uncased and loaded fire arm while traveling by vehicle from his residence. The subject was cited for this offense.

REGION 4 – Captain Jamie Maul

District 9 – Sgt. Mark Wagner

(Counties: Adams, Brown, Calhoun, Greene, Hancock, Jersey, Macoupin, Pike & Schuyler)

ADAMS COUNTY

Nothing reported

BROWN COUNTY

CPO Blakeley cited a subject in Brown County for hunting deer with the aid of bait and for illegally feeding deer on the opener of archery season. When CPO Blakeley made contact with the subject in the field, a doe was feeding on the corn the subject placed in front of his deer stand. There was also a large mineral lick on the property.

CALHOUN COUNTY

Nothing reported.

GREENE COUNTY

CPO Gushleff arrested two subjects for hunting without permission of landowner. The two illegal hunters drove by the farmer who was harvesting crops. The farmer called the Greene County Sheriff's office and CPO Gushleff was contacted. When CPO Gushleff confronted the two men, they knew the name of the farmer and insisted they had permission to hunt there. After the farmer was contacted, he stated he has never heard of the two men and only gave permission to his immediate family to hunt there.

HANCOCK COUNTY

CPO Wheatley taught the basics hunting laws in an hour long presentation to a hunter safety course at the Masonic Lodge in La Harpe.

CPO Wheatley attended a Career Day outing involving the Illini West High School at Hancock County Sheriff's Office.

JERSEY COUNTY

Nothing reported.

MACOUPIN COUNTY

Nothing reported.

PIKE COUNTY

Nothing reported.

SCHUYLER COUNTY

CPOs Myers and Blakeley located a father with his daughter hunting over bait during the youth firearm deer season. They were also in possession of 2 untagged deer and the daughter was not wearing any blaze orange. The father admitted to placing bait and allowing his daughter to shoot 2 deer. He was going to put his tags on the deer.

District 10 – Sgt. Chris Stone

(Counties: Cass, Christian, Logan, Mason, Menard, Morgan, Sangamon & Scott)

CASS COUNTY

CPOs Bettis and Thornley issued a subject hunting in Jim Edgar Panther Creek a citation for hunting deer by the aid of bait (mineral).

CHRISTIAN COUNTY

Nothing reported.

LOGAN COUNTY

CPOs Bettis and Thornley taught 30 youth hunters and adults the Law Enforcement section at a hunter safety course in Atlanta.

MASON COUNTY

Nothing reported.

MENARD COUNTY

Nothing reported.

MORGAN COUNTY

Nothing reported.

SANGAMON COUNTY

CPOs Swance and Elliott attended the annual ITTF conference in Peoria. CPOs trained with other agencies for on water homeland security operations.

CPOs Bettis and Thornley attended Chatham Fire Department first responder awareness day. There was an estimated 800 attendees. The CPOs used the education trailer in their presentation.

SCOTT COUNTY

Nothing reported.

District 13 – Sgt. Eric Manker

(Counties: Bond, Clinton, Madison, Monroe, Montgomery, Randolph, St. Clair & Washington)

BOND COUNTY

Nothing reported

CLINTON COUNTY

Nothing reported.

MADISON COUNTY

CPO Liebl was patrolling department lands in the Metro East area when he observed 4 teenagers in a parked vehicle. Smoke could be seen coming out of the windows of the vehicle and when approached, the distinct odor of burnt cannabis was detected. All the juveniles admitted to smoking cannabis. All cannabis and paraphernalia was seized and all four teens were issued civil violations for possession of cannabis.

MONROE COUNTY

Nothing reported.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

Nothing reported.

RANDOLPH COUNTY

CPO Ralph Sievers testified in a trial by judge case at the Randolph County Courthouse. The defendant had pleaded not guilty to not paying his camping fees at the Randolph County Recreational Area. The defendant was found guilty fined \$120.00 and ordered to pay the remaining camping fee balance.

CPO Ralph Sievers is investigating the theft of several trail cameras and tree stands from private property near Baldwin in Randolph County.

CPO Charles received information of potential trespassing in Randolph County on property owned by Prairie State Coal.

CPO Rolfingsmeier and CPO Charles made contact with two male subjects on the coal property. The two males were illegally trespassing and fishing on the pond. Neither of the two fishermen had valid fishing licenses. The two males were cited for their violations and are awaiting mandatory court appearances.

ST. CLAIR COUNTY

CPO Ralph Sievers, CPO David Ray, CPO Donald Schachner, and CPOT Justin Knop assisted the Marissa Police Department in the early morning hours. The Marissa Police Department had a possible suicidal subject with a firearm who would not answer his door. After several hours, the subject exited his house and was taken into custody by the Illinois SWAT Team and then released to the Marissa Police Department.

CPO Rolfingsmeier, while working the opener of archery deer season along the Mississippi River Front in East St. Louis, came across two fishermen illegally fishing on private property. The two fishermen who were from the Chicago area were both issued citations for fishing without permission.

CPO Rolfingsmeier received a tip from a father and son who were firearm deer hunting for the youth firearm season and came across a bow hunter on the property they were hunting not wearing the required blaze orange. CPO Rolfingsmeier interviewed the bow hunter and the bow hunter did not have a hunting license, deer permits and did not have permission to be on the property he was on. The bow hunter was issued 2 citations and 2 written warnings.

CPO Schachner was on foot patrol in a very thick brushy area, in the metro-east, handling a complaint of illegal deer hunters when he encountered an unknown gas venting with pressure from a broken underground pipe. A natural gas pipeline was within 20 feet and he immediately contacted the pipeline company. As he was speaking with them on the phone, a second location with gas venting was located nearby. The pipeline company shut down the gas pipeline which was at that location while CPO Schachner met with their field inspector and led him through the thick brush to the venting gas. The inspector utilized a field monitor to determine it was not natural gas, but actually was sewer gas. The inspector stayed on-site while the petroleum company determined who owned/managed the unknown leaking pipes.

WASHINGTON COUNTY

Nothing reported.

REGION 5 – Captain Tim Daiber

District 14 – Sgt. Jeff Cariens

(Counties: Franklin, Gallatin, Hamilton, Hardin, Jefferson, Pope, Saline, White)

FRANKLIN COUNTY

Nothing reported.

GALLATIN COUNTY

CPO Schoenhoff is investigating a timber theft.

HAMILTON COUNTY

CPO Schoenhoff issued a written warning to a minor operating an ATV on the roadway in connection to responding to a complaint of ATV damage to private property.

HARDIN COUNTY

Nothing reported.

JEFFERSON COUNTY

Nothing reported.

POPE COUNTY

Nothing reported.

SALINE COUNTY

Nothing reported.

WHITE COUNTY

CPO Schoenhoff issued written warnings on a timber truck stop for not having all information as required and failure to prove ownership.

OTHER: Peoria County - CPOs Lay and Folden attended an IDOT sponsored Transportation and Infrastructure Security Conference in East Peoria. Officers participated in boat related training utilizing sonar, boat boarding, emergency maneuvers and use of emergency equipment.

District 15 – Sgt. Dave Hyatt

(Counties: Clay, Crawford, Edwards, Effingham, Fayette, Jasper, Lawrence, Marion, Richland, Wabash & Wayne)

CLAY COUNTY

Nothing reported.

CRAWFORD COUNTY

Nothing reported.

EDWARDS COUNTY

Nothing reported.

EFFINGHAM COUNTY

Nothing reported.

FAYETTE COUNTY

CPO Smith and CPO Roper received information from an anonymous source stating there was a deer hanging in a barn near Brownstown. The CPOs arrived and CPO Smith walked up to the barn where he observed parts of a deer. The hunter exited the house and approached CPO Smith. CPO Smith asked the hunter why the deer was not tagged. The hunter said he killed it a very close to the location where they were at; just down the hill. CPO Smith told the hunter the deer needed to be tagged immediately upon kill. CPO Smith asked to see the hunter's credentials. The hunter handed CPO Smith his archery deer permit and hunting license/habitat stamp. The deer permit had a confirmation # written on it in the appropriate place. The hunter had already reported the harvest. CPO Smith issued one written warning for failing to tag deer immediately upon kill.

JASPER COUNTY

CPO Smith and CPO Taylor attended Jasper County Conservation Days at Sam Parr State Park. The CPOs displayed District 15's air boat and demonstrated what the boat sounds like. The CPOs talked about conservation safety pinpointing boating safety and general outdoor safety measures. The CPOs also spoke about the job and duties of a conservation police officer.

LAWRENCE COUNTY

Nothing reported.

MARION COUNTY

CPO Smith and CPO Roper were working archery deer hunting and checked an area where CPO Smith had recently found bait placed on the ground for the purpose of luring in deer. The CPOs walked to the area and noted the bait had been removed. There were still fragments of grain and mineral block where CPO Smith had initially observed the bait pile a few weeks prior. The CPOs continued on into the property and found a male and female archery hunter located in an elevated pole stand. CPO Smith asked the occupants to come down to the ground. CPO Smith checked their credentials and told CPO Roper to check the immediate area for bait. CPO Roper found an area in the corner of the property within 50 yards of the stand that contained fragments of grain, mineral block, and apples. The area looked as if the hunter attempted to clean up some of the bait; but left a considerable amount on the ground. Another hunter was hunting on the west side of the area as well. CPO Smith explained to the hunters that every fragment of bait had to be removed and they could not hunt the area for 10 days after such bait was removed. CPO Smith issued one citation to each hunter for hunting deer over bait, and one written warning for feeding deer.

RICHLAND COUNTY

Nothing reported.

WABASH COUNTY

Nothing reported.

WAYNE COUNTY

CPO Buhnerkempe and CPO Roper were on routine patrol in Wayne County when they located a deer hanging in a garage. Upon inspection of the deer it was discovered the deer had been the legal harvest of Youth hunter during the youth firearm deer season. The nine year old hunter had legally harvested a 21 point buck.

CPO Buhnerkempe and CPO Roper observed an ATV traveling on a two lane highway, a traffic stop was initiated. The operator of the ATV was issued a written warning for operation of an ATV on a public roadway.

CPO Buhnerkempe and CPO Roper were on routine patrol in Wayne County when they located three archery deer hunters. All three individuals were not wearing the required blaze orange clothing required during youth firearm season. One of the subjects did not have a valid hunting license and the other two individuals were transporting uncased bows on an ATV. Two citations for failure to wear required blaze were issued. Two written warnings were issued for illegal transportation of an uncased bow on an ATV, one written warning for failure to wear required blaze orange, and one written warning for no valid hunting license.

CPO Buhnerkempe and CPO Roper observed an ATV hauling a deer traveling out of the woods. Upon inspection, it was discovered the deer had no valid archery deer permit attached to the deer. One citation was issued for failure to tag whitetail deer immediately.

CPO Buhnerkempe and CPO Roper were called to a domestic disturbance at Sam Dale Lake State Park. The officers determined the disturbance was only verbal and were able to calm both parties down without further incident.

District 16 – Sgt. Kris Taylor

(Counties: Alexander, Jackson, Johnson, Massac, Perry, Pulaski, Union & Williamson)

ALEXANDER COUNTY

Nothing reported.

JACKSON COUNTY

CPO Steve Vasicek assisted Jackson County with a call of a subject threatening to shoot the neighbor's dog.

CPO Steve Vasicek arrested a subject on felony warrant (drug conspiracy) in Jackson County. Contact was initiated through a traffic stop. \$200,000 bond.

CPO Steve Vasicek represented IDNR on four live television interviews and one taped news story, reference archery deer season opener. WSIL News 3.

JOHNSON COUNTY

CPO Thompson patrolled district lakes checking fishermen. Three subjects were cited for no fishing licenses. Other subjects were issued written warnings for various fish and boat violations.

MASSAC COUNTY

Nothing reported.

PERRY COUNTY

While patrolling in rural Perry County, CPO Mohrman drove up on a potentially dangerous situation. An 83 year old subject in an attempt to mow the steep side of a ditch line was stuck on his tractor which was leaning hard to one side and about to flip over. CPO Mohrman was able to secure a log chain from his squad to the tractor and stabilize the machine from rolling over. Once secured CPO Mohrman assisted the subject off the tractor and after the tractor was brought out of the ditch escorted the subject home. Other than being shook up a bit the retired coal miner was good and grateful CPO Mohrman came by when he did.

A subject who came back to Pyramid State Park to look for a deer which he shot the night before was disappointed. After arriving in the area he had last observed the deer run, he located the buck's body but the head was cut-off. The hunter contacted CPO Mohrman and an investigation into where the head had gone ensued.

PULASKI COUNTY

Nothing reported.

UNION COUNTY

CPO Mohrman took a report and is investigating property damage done to a rental cabin at the Giant City Lodge. The damage to furniture in the cabin and the overall trashing of the rooms resulted in damages of approximately \$400.00.

CPO Mohrman was notified of a burglary which occurred at the Trail of Tears State Forest maintenance shop. Taken from the facility were two John Deere Gator utility vehicles and numerous power tools and hand tools. The Union County Sheriff's Office and Illinois State Police Crime Scene Service are also involved with the investigation.

CPO Vasicek and CPO Knop located an area baited with a large amount of corn. CPO Vasicek returned during the youth firearm season and contacted an adult with a youth hunter whom was hunting the bait; multiple other violations were discovered as well, including blaze orange requirement, no hunting license, and other baited sites. Two citations and

multiple written warnings were issued to the adult

CPO Vasicek located four missing hikers at Panthers Den Wilderness in the Shawnee National Forest. The subjects had been missing for 4 hours, well after sunsets. When located one of the subjects asked Vasicek if he could give him a "man hug" because he was overjoyed to be out of the rugged terrain safely

WILLIAMSON COUNTY

CPO Mohrman investigated a TIPS complaint which was deemed unfounded. A subject reported a deer hanging in a campground and did not realize it was deer hunting season. A check of the license plate associated with this TIPS confirmed the registered owner of the vehicle checked-in an archery taken deer.